



# DCLRC Docket

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## Focus On: Summer Legal FAQ



### Q: What laws regulate boating and water vehicles?

A: The WI Department of Natural Resources has produced a [handy guide](#) to boating and personal watercraft regulations. Check it out for more information.

### Q: Can I drive barefoot?

A: According to the State Patrol, it's OK to drive without shoes. Check under the [Miscellaneous FAQ section](#) of their website.

### Q: Are festival parades subject to any laws in Wisconsin?

A: Since festivals are usually of the local variety, so are parade regulations. For example, parades in the city of Madison are regulated by the [Madison General Ordinance](#) 12.87: Parades, Processions, and Carnival Equipment.

### Q: What are Wisconsin's lifeguard requirements?

A: According to [Administrative Code HFS 172.05\(2\)\(a\)3](#), lifeguards must hold a current lifeguard training certificate from a program approved by the department of Health and Family Services. In addition, every lifeguard must hold a current certificate in first aid, safety, CPR or other rescue training as approved. Some examples of programs offering certification are listed in the code.



### Q: Several houses in our neighborhood were damaged by recent storms. How can I be sure the repair companies are legit?

A: The [Better Business Bureau](#) offers these tips: 1. Ask for and check the company's references. You can check to see if there have been any complaints filed with the Better Business Bureau. 2. Beware of price gouging. 3. Check with your insurance company and document all repairs. 4. Do they have a "Certificate of Insurance" to cover liability and workman's compensation while working on your property? 5. Reputable companies don't ask for the entire fee up-front. Never pay more than one-third the cost of the repairs before work is complete. Also, pay by check or credit card instead of cash. Read [more tips](#)...

## July Used Book Sale

Create instant intelligent small talk at your next summer shindig: read a biography! They're 50 cents off in our ongoing used book sale held in the library. New titles arrive each week. Be sure to stop in regularly to view our selection! Cleaning out your home library? Donate your books to DCLRC! We'll accept all books for our monthly book sale: Hardcover, novels, nonfiction, and paperbacks. Drop off your donations in room 315 any time we're open.

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## News & Upcoming Events

### Visit to the New Courthouse!

Deputy Law Librarian Julie Tessmer and DCLRC Librarian Paula Seeger toured the future home of DCLRC in the new courthouse on Tuesday June 7. Walls have been filled in and countertops have been built. [Pictures](#) from the visit are available on the [DCLRC website](#) under “[News](#).”



### “Law and...” Series: July Topic

The topic for June is “*Law and...Fathers*” and features information and statistics about father’s rights, single-parent households, and more. The handout will feature print resources and websites on the topic. The “Law and...” series are library displays that highlight the role of law/lawyers in various subjects. Pictures of the displays and handouts listing relevant web links or a bibliography are [online](#).



### Have you *Blawg’d* us lately?

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## July Legal Research Quiz

*Answers will be published in next month’s newsletter.*

1. What is the fine for violating Wisconsin’s Safety Belt law? For this law, “adult” means age 8 and older, but if the passenger is under 16, who is the citation given to?
2. In Wisconsin law, what is the “Uniform Foreign-Money Claims Act”?
3. Who was known as the Father of the Yellow School Bus? What is the official name for the standard yellow color found on school buses? In what year was the standard school bus color chosen? *Bonus:* Cite the federal and/or Wisconsin law regarding school bus color.
4. What former President once said, “Information is the oxygen of the modern age. It seeps through the walls topped by barbed wire, it wafts across the electrified borders.”?



Answers to June’s Quiz:

1. Elementary & Secondary Education Act
2. June 19, 1931
3. 478 F. Supp. 889 (1979) *Bonus:* Due to the slow pace of the trial, the judge threatened to invoke the “Time Out” rule, where deadlines would be postponed and counsel would be permitted to goof off, within limits. (Question/answer from: <http://www.law.whittier.edu/library/newsletter.asp> )
4. Abraham Lincoln

### End Notes

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